

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Editorially amend claims 1, 4, 6, 12 - 20, 23 - 24, 26 - 27, and 30.
3. Cancel claims 13 and 23 without prejudice, disclaimer, or acquiescence.
4. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.
5. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 and 15-32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,671,512 to Laakso (see the paragraphs under the heading “Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102” on page 2 of the Office Action). Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,671,512 to Laakso in view of U.S. Patent 7,085,580 to Eibling et al (see the paragraphs under the heading “Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103” on page 9 of the Office Action). All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 16 and 26 have been amended to more exactly define the power control parameter. Specifically, claims 1, 16 and 26 now state that the power control parameter serves *to modify* the transmitter power change request while providing a power increase for the connection in a manner to provide smooth transitional behavior as the current total transmitter power of the transceiver node approaches a maximum total transmitter power value.

Independent claims 1, 16 and 26 thus require a modified power increase which is essentially coordinated for smooth behavior.

Lassko's load reducing actions are generically discussed in col. 10, lines 16+. The downlink description essentially begins at col. 16, line 56, with the downlink load reducing actions being specifically described in cols. 17 and 18.

Laakso is essentially digital in treatment of TPC requests when approaching overload, e.g., either denying or granting, but not modifying (the magnitude of) a request. Moreover, Lassko's possible granting of denial exemptions or increases in his "marginal load area" is ad hoc and does not result in a smooth transitional behavior.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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